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## **Department of Health Services Children's Medical Services Network (CMS Net) - Information Bulletin #102**

### **Brand Name Drugs:**

Infrequently a physician will specifically prescribe a brand name drug for a child, because for the particular child the brand name drug is more effective, has fewer side-effects, or is considered safer than its generic counterpart. Brand name drugs with generic equivalents (similar to drugs on the restricted list) require separate SARs.

The procedure for issuing a SAR for a brand name drug requires the user to manually enter the NDC code referenced by the provider. The NDC code will not be displayed in the formulary file. The only drugs listed in the formulary file are the restricted drugs. The user must have SAR override in order to manually enter the NDC code as follows:

1. Enter the required information on the "Enter SAR" screen.
2. Select "Add Services."
3. Enter the NDC code under the "Drugs Requiring Specific Authorization" section on the "Search – Service Code" screen and select "Search"
4. The message "No Matching Records Found" will be displayed on the "Search – Select Services" screen with a section to add the manual NDC code. Enter the 11-digit code in the section labeled "Type" and click on "Continue".

The NDC code will be added to the SAR form without a description. The description should be entered in the "Special Instructions" field.